Utah Pollinator Habitat Program

Tufted Evening Primrose (*Oenothera caespitosa*)

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Zone: 4-9

Color: White fading to shades of pink/purple

Bloom Time: March through August

Plant Type: Biennial herb

Mature Height: 8 inches-1 foot tall

Mature Spread: 1-2 foot wide

Water Use: Low

Soil Type: Fast-draining sandy or rocky soils

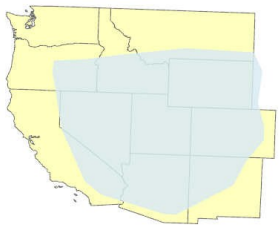
Range and Native Habitat: Tufted evening primrose occurs throughout the western U.S. with the exception of the coastal portion of the U.S. It prefers talus slopes, sandy plains, dry buttes, exposed hillsides, and open woods.

Suggested Maintenance: This species requires little maintenance. If propagating, it is best grown from seed. Root division is possible but less successful. Few diseases or insects affect the plant. Supplemental summer irrigation will extend the bloom season.

Other: The tufted evening primrose flowers open in late afternoon and close in the morning. The plant spreads by lateral roots. It is a biennial but can live longer if provided adequate drainage and at least 1/2 day of full sun. The plant should be allowed to dry out between watering. Deer resistant.

Wildlife Supported

Distribution Map



Landscaping Information

Sun
Full sun

Water Needs
Low

Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established

Soil Drainage
Fast

Propagation
By seed, 8-12 weeks stratification